Construction of a Bridge at Kellodu in Hosdurga Taluk.

Q.—47. Mr. B. MARULAPPA (Hosdurga Taluk) and other Members of the Chitaldrug District.—Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether it is not a fact that the Chief Engineer has received an estimate for the construction of a bridge at Kellodu in Hosdurga Taluk;

(*b*) what is the action taken by the Chief Engineer upon it;

(*c*) has he inspected the spot and studied the local conditions;

(*d*) is it not a fact that this matter has been brought to the notice of Government both in the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council for a long time;

(*e*) is it not a fact that the District Board of Chitaldrug have agreed to contribute one-half of the cost of the estimate;

(*f*) has not the Government agreed to meet the other half;

(*g*) are not the Government aware that the District Board has provided for their share of the cost in their Budget Estimates for 1935-36;

(*h*) whether it is not a fact that it was represented that the work should be immediately commenced with the quota of the District Board;

(*i*) if so, will the Government be pleased to start the work immediately utilising the District Board contribution?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Diwan Bahadur N. N. Ayyangar).—(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The question does not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

(*c*) The Chief Engineer intends to inspect after the project is received.

(*d*) and (*e*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*f*) This matter is under the consideration of Government.

(*g*) and (*h*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*i*) Will be considered after the estimate is received.

Nursing Staff of the Vani Vilas Hospital, Bangalore.

Q.—50. Mrs. KAMALAMMA H. DASAPPA (Special Interest).—Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) how many nurses were employed in the old Maternity Hospital;

(*b*) how many were newly employed in the new Maternity Hospital;

(*c*) is the present number sufficient to look after the patients?

A.—The GENERAL SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. H. V. Ramaswami).—

(*a*) 9 Nurses, in addition to one Matron and one Assistant Matron.

(*b*) 9 Nurses, making a total of 18 Nurses.

(*c*) Yes.

Mrs. KAMALAMMA H. DASAPPA.—What is the daily average of the number of patients in the hospital?

The SENIOR SURGEON (Sastravaidyapravina Dr. S. Subba Rao).—150 to 160.

Mrs. KAMALAMMA H. DASAPPA.—Would it be possible for these 18 nurses to attend to all the 160 patients satisfactorily?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—It would certainly be desirable to employ many more nurses. But it is obviously not possible, financially.

Mrs. KAMALAMMA H. DASAPPA.—Is it not a fact that all the 18 nurses are at present very much overworked?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—I do not think so.

Mrs. KAMALAMMA H. DASAPPA.—Is it not a fact that the need for a large number of nurses is felt very much more in maternity hospitals than in men's hospitals?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—It is not so. In men's hospitals, a number of diseases are to be treated and the demand for nurses there is much greater than in the maternity hospitals.

Mrs. KAMALAMMA H. DASAPPA.—Would it not be possible to increase the number of nurses in the Vani Vilas Hospital? I have personally visited the hospital more than once and always felt that the nurses are over-worked.

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—We will do it as the hospital expands.

Srimathi D. SAKAMMA.—How many nurses are there in the Chikmagalur Maternity Hospital?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—Notice.

Srimathi D. SAKAMMA.—The number of beds in that hospital?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—I cannot readily say. But I think there are two wards of 8 beds each.

Srimathi D. SAKAMMA.—I understand there are 3 nurses there and 20 beds. Can three nurses look after all the patients satisfactorily?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—I remember one or two additional hands have recently been sanctioned. However, I am going there next month and if there is any necessity to increase their number, I shall see to it.

Mr. Belur SRINIVASIENGAR.—Has it come to notice that at the end of September there were as many as 200 patients in the Vani Vilas Hospital on certain days?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—There is no accommodation at all for 200 beds in the hospital. Probably the number you quote might have included the babies also.

Mr. Belur SRINIVASIENGAR.—Not at all. The number I quoted was the number entered on the board put up in the hospital premises. Were not so many patients having their beds on the floor during that period for want of regular accommodation?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—It might have been so on particular days, but I do not remember.

Mr. Belur SRINIVASIENGAR.—Has not the Matron of that institution been representing that the number of nurses is altogether inadequate?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—It was only on that account that the original number was doubled only recently.

Mr. Belur SRINIVASIENGAR.—Was the full strength suggested by her sanctioned?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—Slightly less.

Mr. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—Out of 18 nurses, how many work during nights and how many during day time? Or do they all work continuously?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—They work in two shifts. The number of nurses on day duty is more than that on night duty. That is the practice in all hospitals.

Mr. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—How many patients could a nurse look after efficiently?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—About 20 to 25.

Mr. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—During night times?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—A few more.

Mr. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—Are you having children also as in-patients?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—No.

Mr. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—But should not the nurses take care of children also?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—Most assuredly, if you mean the new-born babes.

Mr. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—On an average, how many babies will there be?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—Notice.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—Have there not been complaints from patients that nurses are not enough?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—Yes.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—Is it not a fact that one patient committed suicide in the hospital recently? Could such a thing have happened within the hospital premises if there were a sufficient number of nurses on duty?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—The incident you are referring to was certainly not due to inadequacy of nurses. The patient died after she had been given a discharge certificate. She had been permitted to go home, but she did not do so on account of some domestic trouble. That however is a different story and not a matter to be discussed by means of supplementary questions and answers.

Mr. Belur SRINIVASIENGAR.—Is it not a fact that this institution is growing in popularity?

The SECOND MEMBER (Rajamantrapravina S. P. Rajagopalachari).—That is the very reason why an additional establishment has been sanctioned.

Mr. Belur SRINIVASIENGAR.—Has not the Chairman of the Board of Visitors brought to your notice that

there is need to increase the establishment ?

Mr. S. P. RAJAGOPALACHARI.—Yes.

Mr. G. CHANNAPPA.—Is it a fact that some nurses have been transferred to this Hospital from the Victoria Hospital and that no fresh appointments have been made ?

Dr. S. SUBBA RAO.—I may assure the member that an additional expenditure of Rs. 12,000 has been actually incurred on account of additional staff.

Mr. S. P. RAJAGOPALACHARI.—The establishment of nurses has been actually doubled after the hospital was shifted to the new building. An extra expenditure of nearly Rs. 12,000 has been sanctioned for this as well as for other staff. But I have to observe in this connection that while everybody wants facilities to be increased, nobody seems to concern himself with the question of cost. Government by themselves cannot do everything necessary. We know that we need many more nurses but, as I stated, it is also a question of additional funds. However, as and when funds permit, the question will be taken up. In the meanwhile, it is for public men like members of this House to consider whether private charity cannot be enlisted with a view to securing a facility of such vital importance as adequate aid to women in labour.

Grants to Women's Associations.

Q.—52. Srimathi D. SAKAMMA (Special Interest).—Will the Government be pleased to state

what are the Sanghas and Associations meant for women that are receiving grants from Government in the State and what is the grant received by each of them ?

A.—The GENERAL SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. H. V. Ramaswami) The Girl Guide Movement is in receipt of a grant of Rs. 2,800 per annum. The following sanghas or associations are also receiving grants noted against each towards the maintenance of certain Educational Institutions run by them :—

1. The Mahila Seva Samaja, Bangalore City.—
   Special English Classes Rs. 450 per annum.
   Primary Classes and Middle School Classes. Rs. 260 per mensem.
2. The Malleswaram Ladies' Association, Bangalore.—
   Primary School Rs. 15 per mensem.
3. The Sarada Stree Samaja, Bangalore City.—
   Girls' Primary School Rs. 7-4-0 per mensem.
4. The State Women's Conference, Bangalore.—
   Girls' School at Yediyur, Bangalore Taluk. Rs. 50 per annum.
5. The Bhagini Seva Samaja, Mysore. Rs. 50 per mensem.

Srimathi D. SAKAMMA.—Are there only five institutions in the State which are receiving grants from Government ?

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (Mr. N. S. Subba Rao).—So far as the Education Department is concerned, that is all.

Srimathi D. SAKAMMA.—Are the Government aware that there are some other women's organisations which are not getting any help either from the Government or from the Department of Education ?

Mr. N. S. SUBBA RAO.—No. But if there are any such cases and if they are brought to my notice, I shall consider them on their merits.

Srimathi D. SAKAMMA.—Does it mean that those institutions have so far not applied for any grant at all ?

Mr. N. S. SUBBA RAO.—Yes.

REPRESENTATIONS—(*contd.*)

No. 32.—Cancellation of the Government Order regarding enjoyment of inam lands by *pattadars*.

MR. M. C CHELUVIAH, Minorities.

Mr. M. C. CHELUVIAH represented that on the alleged statements of Patels and Shanbhogs that *shikmidars* were not discharging Government duties in respect of inam lands satisfactorily in certain villages, Government had passed orders directing that the *pattadars* alone might enjoy such lands and attend to their duties. This order had rendered landless a large number of Adikarnatakas who were solely depending upon these inam lands for maintenance. He prayed that the said Government Order be cancelled so that *shikmidars* might enjoy the inam lands and attend to Government work according to the old system.